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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN SALVADOR 4705

E.O. 11652 - GDS

TAGS: MASS, HO, ES

SUBJECT: SALE OF T-33 TRAINER TO FAH

REF: STATE 247076

1. WE JUDGE THAT SALVADORAN MILITARY WOULD BE DISTURBED BY THE NEWS THAT FAH HAD ACQUIRED A T-33, ESPECIALLY IF THEY HAD NO PRIOR KNOWLEDGE. EVEN THOUGH TRANSACTION IS ESSENTIALLY COMMERCIAL, SALVADORANS WOULD SUSPECT THAT T-33 WAS SOMEHOW A PART OF THE A-37 PACKAGE ABOUT WHICH THEY HAD NOT BEEN TOLD OR, AT THE VERY LEAST, THAT THE USG APPROVED EXPORT IN RETALIATION FOR GOES PURCHASE OF ISRAELI JETS. NEVERTHELESS, WE ARE MINDFUL OF THE MAGNITUDE OF GOES JET PROCUREMENT FROM ISRAEL AND FACT THAT PRESIDENT MOLINA FULLY EXPECTS GOH TO TAKE STEPS TO ACHIEVE BALANCE. RECENTLY WE REITERATED AND CLARIFIED DIRECTLY TO MOLINA OUR INABILITY UNILATERALLY TO ASSURE A BALANCE OF FORCES IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND OUR POLICY OF STRICT IMPARTIALITY IN CONSIDERING PROCUREMENT REQUESTS FROM EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS (SAN SALVADOR 4533 AND 4627). TO PROTECT OUR BONA FIDES IN THIS INSTANCE, OUR BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO ASCERTAIN THAT AN ADDITIONAL T-33 IS AVAILABLE COMMERCIALY AND INFORM GOES THAT WE INTEND TO APPROVE EXPORT LICENSE FOR FAH PURCHASE AND ARE PREPARED TO DO SAME SHOULD FAS PURCHASE ONE T-33. WHILE WE CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT GOES WOULD BE  
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INTERESTED IN OFFER WITH THEIR OWN TRAINERS DUE TO ARRIVE

FROM ISRAEL NEXT YEAR, THEY WOULD AT LEAST BE ASSURED THAT  
USG AHD NOT DEPARTED FROM ITS POLICY OF EVEN-HANDEDNESS.

2. IF ANOTHER T-33 OR EQUIVALENT AIRCRAFT IS NOT AVAILABLE  
FOR COMMERCIAL SALE TO GOES, AND DEPT DETERMINES THAT  
US INTERESTS ARE STILL BEST SERVED BY APPROVING EXPORT  
LICENSE TO HONDURAS, WE SHOULD, AT THE VERY LEAST, ADVISE THE  
GOES OF THE TRANSACTION IN ADVANCE, EVEN THOUGH THIS WILL  
NOT COMPLETELY OFFSET NEGATIVE REACTION AND SUSPICIONS ABOUT  
OUR MOTIVES.  
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